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In re application of:

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For: HIGH THROUGHPUT SCREENING  
ASSAY SYSTEMS IN MICROSCALE  
FLUIDIC DEVICES

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, Applicants respectfully request entry and consideration of the following remarks. Please note that this preliminary amendment copies claims 1-4, 7-13 from U.S. Patent No. 6,221,677, issued April 24, 2001 to Wu et al. The following documents are submitted herewith:

1. a courtesy copy of U.S. Patent No. 6,221,677 for the Examiner's convenience;
2. a continuation application with declaration; and
3. an IDS with 1449 forms citing references form parent applications USSN 09/346,660 filed July 1, 1999 and USSN 08/671,987 (now U.S. Patent 5,942,443) filed June 28, 1996.
4. Table 1 providing support for copied claims.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please insert the following priority information beginning on page 1, line 7: